

OLVER ANNOUNCES \$250,000 FOR HARRISON HOUSE MUSEUM

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WASHINGTON, D.C. ,Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced today that the U.S. House of Representatives has approved funding for the Harrison House Museum in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

"The museum will be an important addition to the city of Pittsfield," Olver said. "The project will help reinforce the city's rich African American history and heritage."

Olver is a member of the Interior Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee and worked to secure the funding for the museum.

The \$250,000 in funding will go toward the establishment of the Harrison House Museum in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

The project will include restoration of the Harrison homestead at 82 Third St., Pittsfield as an archive and museum.

"It will be the first African American history museum in New England outside Boston," Olver said.

Born a slave in 1818, Harrison educated himself and was the minister of the Second Congregational Church in Pittsfield.

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